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December 4, 2007

TO: Members of the Transportation Policy Committee

FROM: Councilmember Peggy Bilsten, Phoenix, Chair

SUBJECT: **NOTIFICATION OF MEETING AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA**

Meeting - 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 12, 2007
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room
302 N. First Avenue, Phoenix

A meeting of the Transportation Policy Committee is scheduled for the time and place noted above. Members of the Committee may attend the meeting either in person, by videoconference, or by telephone conference call. As was discussed at the first meeting of the Committee, proxies would not be allowed. Members who are not able to attend the meeting are encouraged to submit their comments in writing, so that their view would always be a part of the process.

For those attending in person, please park in the garage under the building. Bring your ticket to the meeting, parking will be validated. For those using transit, the Regional Public Transportation Authority will provide transit tickets for your trip. For those using bicycles, please lock your bicycle in the bike rack in the garage.

Pursuant to Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), MAG does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admissions to or participation in its public meetings. Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation, such as a sign language interpreter, by contacting Valerie Day at the MAG office. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.

Refreshments and a light snack will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact Eric Anderson, MAG Transportation Director, or Dennis Smith, MAG Executive Director, at (602) 254-6300.

c: MAG Regional Council
MAG Management Committee

**TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE
TENTATIVE AGENDA
December 12, 2007**

COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED

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| <p>1. <u>Call to Order</u></p> | |
| <p>2. <u>Pledge of Allegiance</u></p> | |
| <p>3. <u>Call to the Audience</u></p> <p>An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Transportation Policy Committee on items not scheduled on the agenda that fall under the jurisdiction of MAG, or on items on the agenda for discussion but not for action. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Transportation Policy Committee requests an exception to this limit. Please note that those wishing to comment on agenda items posted for action will be provided the opportunity at the time the item is heard.</p> | <p>3. Information.</p> |
| <p>4. <u>Approval of Consent Agenda</u></p> <p>Prior to action on the consent agenda, members of the audience will be provided an opportunity to comment on consent items that are being presented for action. Following the comment period, Committee members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk (*).</p> | <p>4. Recommend approval of the Consent Agenda.</p> |

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT*

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| <p>*4A. <u>Approval of September 19, 2007 Meeting Minutes</u></p> | <p>4A. Review and approval of the September 19, 2007 meeting minutes.</p> |
| <p>*4B. <u>Arterial Life Cycle Program Status Report</u></p> <p>A status report on the Arterial Life Cycle Program (ALCP) is provided for the period between July and September 2007 and includes an update on ALCP Project work, the remaining FY 2008 ALCP schedule, and ALCP revenues and finances. Please refer to the enclosed material.</p> | <p>4B. Information and discussion.</p> |

*4C. Update to the Arterial Life Cycle Program Policies and Procedures

The Arterial Life Cycle Program (ALCP) Policies and Procedures, approved by the MAG Regional Council on December 13, 2006, requires revisions. The proposed revisions include a section on Regional Area Road Fund (RARF) closeout policies and other minor technical refinements. The Transportation Review Committee and the Management Committee recommended approval of the revisions. Please refer to the enclosed material.

4C. Recommend approval of the proposed changes to the previously approved December 13, 2006 ALCP Policies and Procedures.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

5. Proposition 400 Noise Mitigation Funds

On May 24, 2007, MAG issued a solicitation of projects to utilize the remaining \$20 million of noise mitigation funds that were part of Proposition 400. The purpose of the program is to address noise mitigation in residential areas where traffic noise substantially increased due to overall increases in traffic volume on the MAG Regional Freeway System. The original intent of the program was to mitigate noise in areas not eligible for noise mitigation through the normal Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) process, i.e., areas that are scheduled for roadway improvements through 2025. ADOT has completed a review of the requests and has determined that the requests for sound walls total about \$17 million. In addition, the City of Glendale has requested reimbursement of \$9.3 million for sound walls that Glendale paid for along Loop 101 which were completed during the 2000 to 2005 period. The next step is for ADOT to conduct detailed noise modeling in order to define and determine the effectiveness of the proposed noise mitigation solutions. Please refer to the enclosed material that includes the summary chapter from the ADOT report. The full report is available on the MAG website at <http://www.mag.maricopa.gov/detail.cms?item=8104>.

5. Information, discussion, and recommendation that ADOT move forward with the detailed noise modeling.

6. Amendment to the FY 2008 MAG Unified Planning Work Program to Include a Transportation Survey

In December 2006, the MAG Regional Council approved MAG's participation in a Statewide Intrastate Mobility Reconnaissance Study. This study is nearing completion, and transportation framework studies are about to be initiated throughout the state. To better understand public attitudes regarding transportation needs, potential solutions and timing, a public opinion survey is being recommended. The scientific household telephone survey would explore citizen attitudes regarding transportation issues and potential solutions on a regional and statewide basis in addressing mobility needs.

7. Update on the Litter Prevention and Education Program for the Regional Freeway System in the MAG Region

The Regional Transportation Plan allocates \$279 million in funding for landscape maintenance and litter control efforts, including litter pickup, sweeping, and litter prevention/education efforts. In August 2006, MAG contracted with an advertising and public relations firm to conduct a regional litter education and prevention campaign that operates under the slogan, Don't Trash Arizona! An update will be provided on outreach efforts to date, upcoming events, and how the campaign will be evaluated.

8. Building a Quality Arizona (BOAZ) Update

Over the past year, the Arizona Councils of Governments and Metropolitan Planning Organizations Association has been meeting to discuss growth and transportation issues. As a result of these meetings, a statewide Reconnaissance Study has been initiated and in July 2007, the Arizona Department of Transportation authorized \$7 million for transportation framework studies. ADOT is hiring the consultant and developing a schedule for the studies. In addition, ADOT intends to work on a preliminary list of critical needs that would be completed in May 2008. The purpose of the studies is to define the transportation needs

6. Recommend approval of an amendment to the FY 2008 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to include \$55,000 for a transportation survey measuring regional and statewide attitudes, opinions and interests.

7. Information and discussion.

8. Information, discussion and possible action.

and potential solutions for the transportation challenges facing Arizona. An update on these activities will be provided. Please refer to the enclosed material.

9. Update on the I-10 Bypass Study

The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) has been conducting a study to determine a broad corridor for a possible bypass route for Interstate 10 around the Phoenix and Tucson metropolitan areas. The Transportation Policy Committee will be briefed by ADOT on the status of the study.

10. Commuter Rail Strategic Plan

Since February 2007, MAG has been working on a Commuter Rail Strategic Plan, which will establish a framework for implementing commuter rail service in Maricopa County and northern Pinal County. The MAG consultant will provide a briefing on the study process to date, including proceedings of the Commuter Rail Stakeholders Group. The present schedule anticipates completing the project in February 2008.

9. Information and discussion.

10. Information and discussion.